

GOSSIP.

AN ENJOYABLE OCCASION.

Was that which our friends the colored Odd Fellows of this city and Mobile gave to its participants in the prize race at Biloxi, last Monday. Nine car loads of pleased excursionists, containing in all over seven hundred people, left New Orleans, joined by thirteen coaches of happy Mobilians, numbering quite twelve hundred, met at Biloxi. The day was spent in agreeable recreation; fishing, bathing, boat-sailing, dancing, speech-making, and in the evening, the contest for the prize, filling up the time as also, the numerous flirtations between the lovely ladies and their gallants as they strolled about the sandy beach or reclining under umbrageous trees and talked as only youth can in all the fancy of love's young dream.

Mobile was represented by Thompson and Benevolent Lodges, together with a large number of guests who, like ourselves, were not of the Order, with charming ladies of Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana's sweetest times; New Orleans contributed the Amos, William Thompson, Pride of Louisiana, and O. J. Dunn Lodges, accompanied by the United Sons of America, a Benevolent Society, whose handsome regalia made a pleasing appearance. Addresses on the Order and its mission were made by Messrs. Thompson, Biers and Bryan.

The yacht race between the Natchez and Amelia, proved a fine trial. The Natchez is of Ocean Springs, and owned by Mr. Ned Ricks; she is 21 feet 8 inches long. The Amelia, 21 feet 11 inches. Both boats are newly built and handsome models. As the Natchez had recently beaten the Amelia, the crew and friends of the latter named boat were very jubilant at their victory on Monday.

Several prominent Mobilians, among whom we noticed our genial and handsome friend Joseph, of the *Watchman*; the agreeable Napier, temporarily sojourning there, and others, while Messrs. Ross and McArthur, of Mississippi, with their friends and ladies, together with Senator Pinchback, Superintendent Brown, Gen. Barber, Capt. Davis, and the many other prominent Louisianians, with our beautiful ladies, added to the sociability of the occasion. Our own ladies—God bless them—are noted for their beauty. If, therefore, we express our admiration of one of the fair Mobilians, whose rosy pretty face and charming figure attracted our attention, the invidiousness, if any there be, may be ascribed to our confreres of the *Watchman*, whose eulogies of our Crescent City charmers, has provoked this response. Altogether, the occasion was joyous and long to be remembered one.

THOMAS TILTON—Has at last relieved his overcharged mind of his distressful burden. He charges his old friend and long time pastor, Mr. Beecher, with a violation of the eighth commandment, to the desecration of his household. Sad statement. It will be received by thousands with unalloyed regret.

THAT ENTERTAINING—Gentleman, valet "Town Talk" in the *Picayune* strives to infuse animation in the coming Democratic State Convention, by an invitation to harmony in the ranks; which he trusts the lesson of the election of the Republican Administrator of Public Improvements may teach them happily.

With such nurses and doctors as the *Picayune* supplemented by "the independent journal," the *Times*, the Democracy threatens to be engulfed. What delightful unity the approaching convention will witness.

TAX TIMES—Denies emphatically the soft impeachment of being in the proprietary interests of Gov. Kellogg. It asserts the charge as "a big fat lie," and fastens the same to the *State Register*. All this is very entertaining though rather warm this hot weather. We assume that since the interdiction by Mississippi's Governor of the use of the old dueling ground at Bay St. Louis, such language is without the usual remedy.

THE COLORED BAPTIST—Convention held in this city last week was very fully attended. Two hundred and seventy delegates were present, representing a church membership of over fifteen thousand members. We are pleased to learn that this important church organization is meeting with commensurate success in its mission.

BECHER'S REPLY TO—The Tilton scandal is direct and manly; demonstrating, what we trust will be proved, the alleged crime to exist only in the crazed brain of the free loving Theodore.

snapping at the air, or suddenly barking without apparent cause, which seeks or escapes incessantly, and above all, which has become too fond of those known to it, and is continually endeavoring to lick their hands and faces. Such symptoms call for seclusion in some place of safety, and for the opinion of a competent veterinary surgeon.

ADVICE.

Which may be of service even here, in its general bearings, is that of the *Saturday Review*, on a proposition to organize a new club in London, where men and women may meet:

"For some reason, the economic root of which is at present hidden, many modern women find home the most disagreeable place, and home during the most irksome occupations in the world. They prefer almost any thing to domestic life as it is used in simpler times—that life of powerful ties, of honorable activities. After having helped to ruin the old-fashioned servant, and to destroy the old-fashioned system, they turn round on their own work, and plead the servants and the tradespeople as the reason why they hate house-keeping, and why they prefer club life, and any kind of life that can be named to house-keeping. Neither the cook nor the grocer thinks home life unpleasant to the discontented woman; it is her own failing in domestic qualities and domestic affections; it is the lack of dress, the passion for amusement, the desire for society, for excitement, for change, which have possessed her of late."

Are these, with the mercury near the nineties, our daily contemporaries, now so deeply engaged in throwing dirt, hiding from, and laying traps for each other; all begotten of an intense ardor, and earnest devotion for the "rights of the people"? Consequently upon the approach of the Fall campaign. The *Times* which assumes the independent role in its manner of advocacy of Democratic tenets, elbows its neighbors, the *Picayune* and *Bulletin* aside, contemptuously, sneering at their stupidity and folly in the advocacy of the White League. Then each, separately retort, but with the cry of the under dog in the contest. The *Picayune*, wrapped in the mantle of its old time importance, stately as Turveydrop. While the "white" organ voraciously rails at either and all its rivals; with the constant assertion of its claims. The *Republican* alone keeps calm, occasionally only rousing for the purpose of stinging up its neighbors.

THEIR IS A VICTORY.—Says the *Christian Union*, still extant, which agrees to call the wife a "supported" person. In even the average prosperous household where ways run smoothly, there is question of the wise executive ordering if the home comforts do not in itself fully balance the mere lure that supplies them. But among mechanics and laboring men where the wife is the unpaid servant, toiling for love far longer than she ever could for pay, and often supplementing her husband's wages with some small earnings of her own, the fiction falls. It is a partnership of labor; it should be of gain and loss as well.

Our Book Table.—F. W. Robinson's "Second Cousin Sarah," is one of those highly sensational productions unbiassed and inartistic in manner and style, which distinguishes a considerable class of our American writers of fiction. With one or two fair character sketches and occasional descriptions of actual life really truthful, the novel is in part redeemed from the charge of being entirely common-place. As it is, the reading public could well spare such literature at the saving of valuable time and money.

A pleasing recitation from the personal of sensational literature is that experienced in the pages of "The Sacred Anthology," a book of Biblical Scriptures collected and edited by Monette D. Conway. Mr. Conway is one of our most English of American writers. He has been for years abroad; and as correspondent, most of the time from England, to some of our large metropolitan dailies, has established an enviable reputation. Well educated, and crystallized by the attrition of some of the best literatures of England he has brought to the work now before us a completion of ideas and a command of language which makes its reading delightful. Its selected passages arranged under twenty heads, such as "Laws," "Religion," "Love and Friendship," "Nature," "Justice and Government," furnish an idea of the book's composition.

The wide range of reading possessed by the author is exhibited in the following gem-like extracts—From the *Scandinavian*:

"Hospitality—

"Liberal and brave men live best; they seldom cherish sorrow; but a besetted man dreads everything; the niggardly are uneasy even under benedictions.

"Given had a guest, his coast is free. Where shall he sit? First is useful to him who has entered; he is cold. Food and raiment are required; he has wandered over the fell. Water he needs, who craves refreshment; a towel; hospitable invitation,

a good reception. If he can obtain it, discourse and answer, and will. 'Never with fault or decision treat a guest or wayfarer: men often little know who sits within.' For the hated off in space what, for the dear was destined." This story from the *Ambler*.

A CALL FOR A STATE CONVENTION.

Home State Central Executive Committee, Republican Party of Louisiana, New Orleans, July 1, 1874.—At a meeting of the committee it was resolved that the Executive Committee of Louisiana be and is hereby called to meet at New Orleans on Wednesday, the 15th day of August, 1874, at twelve o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing a delegate to the National Convention, choosing a new State Central Committee, and to transact such other business as may come before it. The delegates to be elected shall be one from each of the following parishes, to-wit: St. Louis, St. Charles, St. John, St. Bernard, St. Iberville, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Tensas, Terrebonne, Vermilion, Vernon, Washington, Webster, and Winn.

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